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MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Forty-Third Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
ROANS CREEK CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8, 1996

The next session will convene with Senter Church, located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, NC about eight miles. Located on Nathans' Creek School Road.

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, and 14, 1997

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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder John Jackson, Senter Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder S.T. Tolley, McKenzie Primitive Baptist Church, McKenzie, TN.

The Association was opened with prayer by James McNeill, Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder Floyd South as Moderator; Elder James McNeill as Assistant Moderator; Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Roy and Sister Shirley Truitt
Brother Raymond and Sister Nonnie Nichols
Brother Page and Sister Hazel Wagoner
Sister Marjorie Caudill
Sister Martha Lineberry
Sister Amy Lineberry
Elder Terry V. Wilson

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Vernon Lyle
Sister Ethyl Lyle
Sister Beulah Lyle
Elder Eddie and Sister Virgie Lyle

Reorganized Silver Creek Association:
Elder Gene F. Watson

Obion Association of Tennessee:
Elder S.T. Tolley

Roaring River Association of North Carolina:
Elder Samuel E. Parrish

North Florida Fellowship Association:
Lic. Ralph L. Cobb

***INDEPENDENT CHURCHES*:**

Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Mayodan, NC
Elder Johnnie L. Duggins

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons
Brother Carl Mabe

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, Bel Air, MD
Brother James and Sister Barbara Dixon

Community Primitive Baptist Church, Stuart, VA
Brother O'Bain Hylton

Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Valle Crucis, NC
Elder John Jackson
Brother Cecil Ward

Joppa Primitive Baptist Church, Joppa MD
Brother John Hall

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother George Severt
Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Don Walters
Brother Larry Davis

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Larry Davis
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Donnie Cox
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Kenny McNeill
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Elder James McNeill
Elder Millard Bare
Brother Don Walters
Brother Ray Roten

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Eddie Lyle.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1996

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Eddie Lyle.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1997 at Senter Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, at Senter Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1996

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$80.00
Big Helton	20.00
Horse Creek	20.00
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Riverview	155.00
Roans Creek	96.00
Senter	275.00
Total	$726.00

Received from Donations Friday & Saturday.	$332.00
Balance in Savings	543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator 20.00
To the Assistant Moderator.....20.00
To the Clerk 60.00
To the Assistant Clerk.....20.00
Paid to visiting Elders.....540.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes....380.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder John Jackson.

Elder Floyd South, Moderator
Elder James McNeill, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Eddie Lyle
1521 Elliot Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Terry V. Wilson
109 King Arthur Court, Galax, VA 24333
Elder Gene F. Watson
540 Legion Road, Lenoir, NC 28645
Elder S.T. Tolley
P.O. Box 5, Atwood, TN 38220
Elder Samuel E. Parrish
86 Sycamore Lane, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Lic. Ralph L. Cobb
Rt. 1, Box 904, Callahan, Florida 32011
Elder Johnnie L. Duggins
270 Dan Valley Road, Mayodan, NC 27027

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder S.T. Tolley (introductory sermon)
Elder James McNeill (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Eddie Lyle
Elder C.O. Yates (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder Terry Wilson
Elder S.T. Tolley (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder Floyd South (opened with prayer)
Elder Johnnie Duggins
Elder S.T. Tolley (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Eddie Lyle (opened with prayer)
Elder Gene Watson
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Lic. Ralph Cobb (opened with prayer)
Elder Samuel Parrish
Elder John Jackson
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder James McNeill
Elder Floyd South
Elder C.O. Yates (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night - April 13-18, 1997.

IN MEMORIAM

ELA MAY WALTERS PHILLIPS

NOVEMBER 15, 1911 - FEBRUARY 26, 1996

Ela May Walters Phillips was born November 15, 1911 to Wade Hampton Walters and Mary Ellen Miller Walters. She died February 26, 1996. Sister Ela May was preceded in death by her husband, Ira Odell Phillips, and one son. She is survived by two sons, Blaine Phillips and Gary Phillips; one brother, Bower Walters; two sisters, Mary Burgess and Sessie Bare.

Sister Ela May united with the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church on August 23, 1964 where she remained faithful as long as she was able to go to meeting. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Our earthly loss is her eternal gain.

ZELL McMILLIAN WALKER

SEPTEMBER 11, 1905 - MARCH 30, 1996

Zell McMillian Walker was born September 11, 1905, to Fannie Dixon McMillian and Jessie Emmett McMillian. She departed this life Saturday, March 30, 1996.

Sister Zell was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence "Eugene" Walker; two children, Jimmy Walker and Wade Walker; one grandchild, Gary Stansberry, one sister and three brothers. She is survived by three children - Algene Walker Church, Maxine Walker Thomas and Joe Kenneth Walker; four grandchildren, Tony Church, Tim Church, Jeff Walker, and Tammy Walker Lewis. Three great grandchildren also survive.

Sister Zell was a homemaker and also worked as a cook for several years.

Sister Zell was a member of the Senter Primitive Baptist Church for over sixty years. She remained a faithful and dedicated member until her death. She filled her seat in church regularly and was a true Mother in Israel to her church family. Sister Zell was always ready to defend her faith and she left a good example for others to follow.

Sister Zel was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a devoted, loving wife and mother and a kind and caring neighbor. She had a wonderful personality and a calm and serene manner. Her faith in Christ was always evident in her talk and in the way she lived her life.

JIM WALTERS

FEBRUARY 26, 1910 - AUGUST 15, 1996

Jim Walters, 86, was born in Ashe County to the late Joel and Hettie Walters. Mr. Walters is survived by his wife, Ina Walters; one son, John Walters; three daughters, Jean Weaver, Betty Carlton, and Glenna McNeill; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Bower and Bill Walters; and three sisters, Sibbie Marsh, Maude Greer, and Polly Walters.

He united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church June 12, 1949, and was ordained as a deacon June 1950. He served faithfully as a deacon as long as he was able.

He will be missed by all who knew him, but God knew best and took him to rest in peace.

RUBY CRAFT JOHNSTON
1912-1995

Ruby Craft Johnston was born September 15, 1912, the daughter of the late John A. and Malinda Bare Craft.

She was married on December 9, 1937 to Richard B. Johnston. To this union were born 6 children. Her husband died June 27, 1983 and daughter Linda Watson on February 17, 1993. Surviving are 4 sons, Phillip, Richard L., John and David Johnston. Also, one daughter Sandra Lynn J. Rash.

She is survived by 1 sister, Maggie Fielding of Texas. Ruby's twin sister, Nettie Ruth, died at the age of 9 months. Also, deceased are 3 sisters, Pearl C. Miller, Ida Harless and Orby Yates. One deceased brother, Kilby Craft.

Ruby was employed by the Fleetwood School Cafeteria for 16 years.

She was a member of the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church where she enjoyed the preaching and old Baptist songs.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder C.O. Yates	2415 Lower Nettle Knob Road West Jefferson, NC 28694 Telephone (910) 877-4991
Elder Floyd South	278 South Avenue West Jefferson, NC 28694 Telephone: (910) 246-7456
Elder Steve Douglas	5700 Garvey Bridge Road Crumpler, NC 28617 Telephone: (910) 982-2958
Elder James D. McNeill	5862 U.S. 221 North Crumpler, NC 28617 Telephone: (910) 982-3802
Elder John Jackson	Route 2, Box 872 Boone, NC 28607

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Beaver Creek	Elder James McNeill
Big Helton	Elder Steve Douglas
Horse Creek	Elder Steve Douglas
North Fork	Elder John Jackson
Riverview	Elders C. O. Yates, James McNeill
Roans Creek	Elder Floyd South
Senter	Elder James McNeill

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694 20
Big Helton Elmer Ham
2214 Deep Ford Road Lansing, NC 28643 15
Horse Creek Elder Steve Douglas
5700 Garvey Bridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617 15
North Fork Tony McNeill
211 Beau Drive, West Jefferson, NC 28694 20
Riverview Dan Miller
270 Joe Lyalls Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694 30
Roans Creek Elder Floyd South
278 South South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694 35
Senter Bobby Absher
183 Old Ridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617 45

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: *Aubrey E. Utz*
Madison, VA 22727 20
Mountain: *Roy Truitt*
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333.....20
Bear Creek: *Allen Copple*
Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203 20

Silver Creek: *Elder Gene Watson*
145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645 20
North Carolina Collection: *The Library*
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 2
The Primitive Baptist Library: *Elon College*
Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244.....2
The American Baptist Historical Society
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620.....2
Wake Forest University: *The Z. Smith Reynolds Library*
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109...2
The Christian Baptist Library
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220 2
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association:
Rt. 1, Box 14, Bluefield, WV 24701 20
The Primitive Baptist Library:
416 Main Street, Carthage, IL 62321 2
St. Clair's Bottom Association: *Blaine Owens*
103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201.....20

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek: 4th Sunday in May
Senter: 2nd Sunday in June
Riverview: 3rd Sunday in June
Horse Creek: 4th Sunday in June
North Fork: 2nd Sunday in July
Big Helton: 3rd Sunday in July
Roans Creek: 4th Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the member present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. The pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

15. Delegates of the host church to select the elder to preach the introductory sermon.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they have any internal right over any church in the union.

5. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

13. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

17. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that All who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 AM, and fourth Sunday, 2:00 PM A brick building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

Big Helton - Second and third Sundays, 11:00 AM. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgills, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC to Sturgills, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the highway.

Horse Creek - First and fourth Sundays, 11:00 AM, following respective Saturdays. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

North Fork - Second and fourth Sundays, 10:30 AM. Take Hwy. 88 West from Warrensville. Approximately 1 1/2 miles turn right on Staggs Creek Road. Continue on Staggs Creek Road approximately 1 mile. Church is at the intersection of Staggs Creek Road and Glenn Miller Road.

Riverview - From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson go south on 221 approximately .3 mile. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Go 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road, turn right about 1 mile. The brick church is on the left of the road.

Roans Creek - Sunday following fourth Saturday of each month, 11:00 AM. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter - First Sunday night, 7:00 PM. second Saturday night, 7:00 PM, and Sunday following, 2:00 PM. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles. Located on Nathans' Creek School Road.

STATISTICAL TABLE

1996

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	Beaver Creek	Brother Tony Jordan, Brother Don Walters, Brother Larry Davis	May	2 4	0	0	1	1	1		1	0	0	11	$80.00
1840	Big Helton	Elder Steve Douglas, Brother Elmer Ham	July	2 3	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	5	20.00
1840	Horse Creek	(No letter)													20.00
1785	North Fork	Brother Johnny McNeill, Brother Kenny McNeill, Brother Tony J. McNeill, Alt. Dalton Roten	July	2 4	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	19	80.00
1898	Riverview	Brother Paul Miller, Brother Clyde Johnson, Brother Willard Hartzog, Alt. Brother Donnie Cox	June	1 3	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	2	22	155.00
1898	Roans Creek	Brother George Severt, Brother Millard Bare, Brother Roger Rutherford, Alt.Brother Richard Bare	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	26	95.00
1829	Senter	Brother Ray Roten, Brother Jim Richardson, Elder Bobby Absher, Alt. Brother Tony Miller	June	1 2	1	0	0	0	0		1	0	3	48	275.00
		TOTAL.....													726.00

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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Johnnie Duggins, Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Mayodan, NC.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher, Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

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Elder Jess Higgins

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Sister Beulah Lyle
Brother Vernon Lyle
Elder Eddie G. Lyle

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Roaring River Association of North Carolina:
Elder Samuel E. Parrish

Little Yadkin River Association:
Brother L. B. Hawkins, Jr.

Fisher River Association:
Brother Troy Jones
Sister Audrey Jones

Original Bear Creek Association:
Elder E. W. Hooven
Sister Linda Hooven
Brother Richard McGee

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Community Primitive Baptist Church, Stuart, VA.
Brother O'Bain Hylton

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
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Sister Linda Sue Bare

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, Bel Air, Maryland
Brother James Dixon
Sister Barbara Dixon

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Swainsboro, GA.
Elder George McNure

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville VA.
Elder Dan Parker

Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Mayodan, NC
Elder Johnnie L. Duggins

Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Statesville, NC
Elder Harvey G. Carpenter

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A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Don Walters
Brother Larry Davis
Elder Floyd South

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
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Brother Paul Miller
Brother Kenny McNeill
Brother Ray Roten
Brother Tony Jordan
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerk

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Elder Bobby Absher
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Brother Ray Roten
Brother Paul Bare
Brother Clyde Johnson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.
8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1997

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder E. W. Hooven.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. That a letter of inquiry be written to Horse Creek Church as to why an Association letter has not been received for 1996 or 1997.
4. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1998 at Senter Church.
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6. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
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To the Assistant Moderator.....20.00
To the Clerk 60.00
To the Assistant Clerk.....20.00
Paid to visiting Elders.....836.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes....405.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

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1521 Elliot Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Gene F. Watson
540 Legion Road, Lenoir, NC 28645
Elder Samuel E. Parrish
86 Sycamore Lane, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Elder Johnnie L. Duggins
270 Dan Valley Road, Mayodan, NC 27027
Elder George McNure
P.O. Box 762, Swainsboro, GA 30401
Elder E. W. Hooven
1320 Woodbrook Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284
Elder Harvey Carpenter
322 Lakeview Shores Loop, Mooresville, NC 28115
Elder Dan Parker
3849 R&L Smith Drive, Danville, VA 24540
Elder Jess B. Higgins
Route 6, Box 45, Galax, VA 24333

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
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IN MEMORIAM

MAE WILCOX HAM

APRIL 28, 1921 - JULY 30, 1997

Sister Mae Wilcox Ham passed away on July 30, 1997. She had been a member of Big Helton Primitive Baptist Church since 1949. She was born on April, 28, 1921 to W. M. Wilcox and Alea Stansbarry Wilcox. She was the wife of Elmer Lee Ham of Lansing. They had five children - three sons, Earl, Jerry, and Joe and two daughters, Brenda and Linda. She also had eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Badger's Funeral Home in West Jefferson. Elder Steve Douglas, Elder Eddie Lyalls and Elder John Jackson conducted the funeral services. Sister Mae Wilcox Ham was laid to rest in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 AM, and fourth Sunday, 2:00 PM. A brick building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

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Roans Creek - Sunday following fourth Saturday of each month, 11:00 AM. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter - First and fourth Sunday nights, 7:00 PM. second Saturday night, 7:00 PM, and Sunday following, 2:00 PM. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles. Located on Nathans' Creek School Road.

STATISTICAL TABLE

1998

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	Beaver Creek	Brother Tony Jordan, Brother Larry Davis, Brother Don Walters	May	2 4	0	–	0	0	0		0	0	0	10	$45.00
1840	Big Helton	Brother Elmer Ham, Elder Steve Douglas	July	2 3	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	2	25.00
1840	Horse Creek	(No letter)													
1785	North Fork	Brother Edward Roten, Brother Johnny McNeill, Brother Kenny McNeill, Brother Doughton Roten, Alt.	July	2 4	0	1	6	0	0		1	0	0	24	100.00
1898	Riverview	Brother Clyde Johnson, Brother Paul Miller, Brother Willard Hartzog, Brother Don Cox, Alt.	June	1 3	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	22	150.00
1898	Roans Creek	Brother Millard Bare, Brother Richard Bare, Brother George Severt, Brother Rodger Rutherford, Alt.	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	26	155.00
1829	Senter	Brother Paul Bare, Brother Tony Miller, Brother Jim Richardson, Brother Ray Roten, Alt.	June	2	1	0	2	0	0		0	0	2	48	315.00
		TOTAL.....													790.00

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MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Forty-Fifth Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
SENTER CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, and 13, 1998

The next session will convene with Beaver Creek Church, a brick building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC Take Hwy. 221 South about one mile to Hwy. 163 - about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

September 10, 11 and 12, 1999

OFFICERS

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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Milton Gunter from Northview Church, Danbury, NC.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Indian Creek Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Floyd South, Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. A letter was received from Horse Creek Church requesting that they come out of the Association and become an independent church. A motion was made and seconded that their request be granted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Green Ward
Brother and Sister Cecil Wyatt
Elder and Sister Curtis Hash

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
Elder and Sister Schultz Pratt

Roaring River Association of North Carolina:
Elder Samuel E. Parrish

Original Bear Creek Association:
Brother Michael Lester

Little Yadkin River Association:
Brother L. B. Hawkins
Sister Margaret Hawkins

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Community Primitive Baptist Church, Stuart, Va.
Brother O'Bain Hylton

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons
Brother Raymond J. Bibey

Northview
Brother Charles Joyce
Sister Janie Joyce
Elder Milton Gunter

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church, Glade Springs, Va.
Elder J. D. Cleek

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Paul E. Williams

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville, Va.
Elder Dan Parker

Mont View Primitive Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Elder Wayne Gibbons

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Don Walters
Brother Larry Davis
Elder Floyd South

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Paul Bare
Brother Edward Roten
Brother Ray Roten
Brother Tony Jordan
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Elder Floyd South
Brother Don Walters
Brother Ray Roten
Brother Paul Bare
Brother Clyde Johnson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service . for conference.
7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.
8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1998

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder C. O. Yates.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1999 at Beaver Creek Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Beaver Creek Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1998

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$70.00
Big Helton	35.00
North Fork	100.00
Riverview	125.00
Roans Creek	80.00
Senter	355.00
Total	$765.00
Received from donations Friday and Saturday	$273.00
Balance in Savings	543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator $20.00
To the Assistant Moderator 20.00
To the Clerk 60.00
To the Assistant Clerk 20.00
Paid to Visiting Elders 520.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes 403.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
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VISITING ELDERS

Elder Eddie Lyle
1521 Elliot Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Samuel E. Parrish
86 Sycamore Lane, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Elder Dan Parker
3849 R & L Smith Drive, Danville, Va. 24540
Elder Curtis D. Hash
2495 Rawen House Road, Independence, Va. 24348
Elder Wayne Gibbons
P.O. Box 15, Wallburg, NC 27373
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230 Burnette Street, Richlands, Va 24641
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2385 Chimney Top, Fall Branch TN 27656
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1105 Branscome Young Road, Danbury, NC 27016

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429 Seneca Drive, P.O. Box 843 Glade Springs, Va. 27340

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Ina McMillan McMillan

Sister Ina McMillan was born June 27, 1911 and died July 5, 1998.

Sister McMillan is survived by her husband, Letcher McMillan. Also surviving are two daughters, Zollie Wyatt and Doris Magaw; two sons, Harry and Howard McMillan. Two half-sisters survive - Edna Ruth Osborne and Margaret Ammons and one half-brother, John McMillan. Several grandchildren and several great grandchildren also survive.

The funeral of Sister McMillan was conducted at Grandview Memorial Chapel, Sparta, N.C. on July 8, 1998 by Elder Floyd South. Internment was in the Piney Creek Methodist Church Cemetery.

Sister McMillan had been a member of the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church since January, 1985 where they joined by letter.

Sister McMillan attended church as long as she was able. She had been in declining health for a number of years.

Flossie Mae Arnold Roten

Flossie Arnold Roten was born in Ashe County on March 19, 1910 to Mary and Lark Arnold. She died November 27, 1997, after a long illness.

Sister Roten was married to Elder Dewey Roten who died January 9, 1988. Elder Roten served the Primitive Baptist Church of the Senter Association for many years.

Sister Roten joined the North Fork Primitive Baptist Church and later moved her membership to the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church.

Sister Roten was preceded in death by one son, Gwyn Roten. She is survived by four sons, George, Edward, Dane and Ray; two daughters, Mary Bare and Elva Bumgarner. Also surviving are a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sister Roten was a loving wife and mother and was always supportive of Elder Roten in his ministry. She cared for Elder Roten for a number of years after he became ill.

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MINUTES

of the
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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
BEAVER CREEK CHURCH
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SEPTEMBER 8, 9, and 10, 2000

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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder John Jackson from Senter Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Indian Creek Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher from Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia
Elder Curtis Hash
Brother and Sister Roy Truitt

Mt. Zion Association of West Virginia
Elder Franklin Oresta

New Liberty Association of West Virginia
Lic. Brad Nettles
Elder Hubert Sears
Brother Gary Whaling

Original Bear Creek Association
Elder Richard Cox
Brother Jonathan Lester
Brother Michael Lester

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
Elder and Sister Schultz Pratt

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church, Glade Springs, Va.
Elder Howard M. Davis, Jr.

Community Primitive Baptist Church, Stuart, Va.
Brother O'Bain Hylton

Healthy Plains Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Randal Saunders

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Paul E. Williams

Mont View Primitive Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Elder Wayne Gibbons

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session. .

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Edward Roten
Brother Larry Davis
Elder Floyd South

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Ray Roten
Brother Tony Jordan
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and
Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Elder Floyd South
Brother George Severt
Brother Ray Roten
Brother Larry Davis
Brother Clyde Johnson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service . for conference.
7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.
8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1999

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Eddie Lyle.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 2000 at Senter Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Senter Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1999

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$70.00
Big Helton	-0-
North Fork	100.00
Riverview	175.00
Roans Creek	94.00
Senter	285.00
Total	$724.00
Received from donations Friday and Saturday	$222.00
Balance in Savings	543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator $20.00
To the Assistant Moderator 20.00
To the Clerk 60.00
To the Assistant Clerk 20.00
Paid to Visiting Elders 548.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes 403.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Howard M. Davis Jr.
35330 Marble Stone Drive, Glade Spring, VA 24340
Elder L. Richard Cox
20 Wilbrook Dr., Thomasville, NC 27360
Elder Wayne Gibbons
PO Box 15 Wallburg, NC 27373
Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder Eddie Lyle
1521 Elliot Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Franklin Oresta
338 Harry Height's Road, Bluefield, West Virginia 24701
Elder Schultz Pratt
429 Seneca Drive, Glade Spring, VA 24340
Elder Randall Saunders
509 Carthage St., Sanford, NC 27330

Elder Hubert Sears
Box 59, Frametown, West Virginia
Elder Paul E. Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)
Elder Floyd South (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:
Lic. Brad Nettles (introduced with prayer)
Elder Franklin Oresta
Elder Paul Williams (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:
Elder Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Schultz Pratt
Elder John Jackson
Elder C.O. Yates (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:
Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Richard Cox
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Sunday Morning:

Elder C.O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
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ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night—April 9–14, 2000.

IN MEMORIAM

Gord Pharr Severt

Gord Pharr Severt, age 90, was born in Ashe County January 26, 1908 to Wiley and Hannah Mash Severt. He was married to Florence Severt September 2, 1939, who preceded him in death November 5, 1975. One grandson also preceded him, Douglas E. Miller, March 20, 1990. He married Lessie Stansberry February 4, 1977.

He united with Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church in August 1943, where he remained a faithful member until he departed this earth on Tuesday, December 15, 1998.

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 18 at 2:00 PM at Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Elder James McNeill and Elder Calvin Yates officiated. Burial followed in the McNeill Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife; Lessie S. Severt; one son Charles Wayne Severt; one daughter Shirley S. Miller; eleven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, three stepchildren: Gywn Stansberry, Adialene Colvard, and Mary Davis; several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

His love for and faith in Christ was evident by the way he lived his life. He is deeply missed but our earthly loss is his eternal gain.

Carrie Leona Miller Dillard

Carrie Dillard was born in Ashe County on November 20, 1904 to Jesse and Candace Miller. She died July 19, 1999.

Sister Dillard was preceded in death by her husband Willie Thomas (Bill) Dillard, 5 sons: Garfield, Claude Allen, Carl Johnson, and Jesse Dean; 5 grandchildren, and 1 great granddaughter. Sister Dillard is survived by 2 sons: Tommy and Wade; 4 daughters: Edna McNeill, Ethel Miller, Sallie Foard, and Agnes Johnson. Also surviving are 39 grandchildren, 64 great grandchildren, 13 step-great grandchildren and 12 great, great grandchildren. One sister Viola Mash, and one brother, Tom Miller also survive.

Sister Dillard had been a faithful member of Riverview Primitive Baptist Church since September 21, 1975. Her funeral was conducted on July 21, 1999 at Riverview by Elders Calvin Yates, Paul Williams, and James McNeill. She was laid to rest in the Dillard Family Cemetery.

Virgle R. Brown

Virgle R. Brown was born in Ashe County, April 3, 1915 and he departed this life May 2, 1999; making his stay on earth 84 years and 28 days. He was the son of James Robert Brown and Tamsy Alfair Blevins Brown. He was married to Lorene Blevins September 26, 1941; to this union was born 5 children. Four sons: Robert, Lacy, Howard and Wayne and 1 special daughter Velma Jones.

Virgle was the 4th of 5 children with 1 brother surviving; Carl Brown of Kannapolis, NC. Virgle lived all his life in the Crumpler Community of Ashe County and loved people; he never knew a stranger and was always ready to visit and when there was sickness or death in the community he was always there.

He joined Senter Primitive Baptist Church in April 1966 and was baptized the 1st Sunday in May 1966. He was faithful to attend church. He will be missed by family and friends; but our loss is heaven's gain.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters 20
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Big Helton: Elmer Ham 15
2214 Deep Ford Road, Lansing, NC 28643
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

The American Baptist Historical Society 2
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620
Bear Creek: Ken Austin 20
3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110
The Christian Baptist Library.....2
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220
Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz.....20
Madison, VA 22727
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102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association 20
338 Harry Height's Road, Bluefield, WV 24701
North Carolina Collection: The Library 2
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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4023 North, NC 87 Elon College, NC 27244
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416 Main Street, Carthage, IL 62321
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145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645
St. Clair's Bottom Association: Blaine Owens.....20
103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201
Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library.....2
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

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CONSTITUTION

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